GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICES SCHEME
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not given liberal assistance to the Indian Medicine Sector for setting up modern laboratories to test Indian medicines;

(b) if so, the steps likely to be taken to increase such laboratories in the country;

(c) the details of the `Good Laboratory Practices` scheme announced by the Government in this regard;

(d) the number of laboratories set up so far by the Government under this scheme; and

(e) the details of the financial implications of the Good Laboratories Practices scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) Under a Centrally sponsored scheme, state drug testing laboratories for ISM&H drugs are being assisted upto Rs.1 crore per laboratory. So far 16 laboratories have been assisted during the last 2 years with a total financial assistance of Rs.11,75,76,000. Government is aiming to support at least one government drug testing laboratory for ISM&H drugs in each state.

Good Laboratory Practices for ISM&H are guidelines for the laboratories and not a scheme for providing financial assistance.

(e) Does not arise.